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**Amendments**

In response to the Office Letter mailed April 21, 2004, please amend the above specification as follows:

- Remove the non-applicable references to federal grants and a microfiche appendix.
- Remove the reference to a hyperlink from the second paragraph of the section entitled "Tests" in the detailed description. This changes the sentence text as follows.

From:

"The data were obtained from the machine-learning database site at the university of California at Irvine ([www.ics.edu/pub/machine-learning-databases](http://www.ics.edu/pub/machine-learning-databases))."

To:

"The data were obtained from the machine-learning database site at the university of California at Irvine."

- Remove the phrase about arrows from the brief description of the drawing. This changes the sentence text as follows.

From:

"FIG. 1 is a flowchart that illustrates some steps in the process that is the invention; notes in boxes describe process steps, and notes beside arrows describe data transferred between steps."

To:

"FIG. 1 is a flowchart that illustrates some steps in the process that is the invention; notes in boxes describe process steps."

- Replace the original claims by those in the enclosed description document.
- Replace the original drawing by the one in the enclosed description document.

The enclosed description document reflects these changes.